

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I see Senator Fisher is with us here. I would suggest that we do both...recognize him for both LR 342, which was passed over previously, and 354.

CLERK: (LR) 342, page 1194, Mr. President; and 354, 1455.

SENATOR FISHER: Mr. President and colleagues, I'm proud again to present the annual resolution to honor people in Nebraska who are bringing the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery to Nebraska students. Eighty-five percent of our high schools participate in ASVAB 18/19 Career Exploration Program each year. The program is administered by the Department of Defense at no cost to the schools or students and without military obligation. It is one of the best and most widely used vocational aptitude programs in the country. I hope you would join with me in declaring the week of March 18 through the 24 as ASVAB 18/19 Career Exploration Week of the year. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Fisher. LR 364.

CLERK: (LR) 364, Mr. President, Senator Wickersham and others, found on page 1453.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try to be brief and I'll give a little bit of time to Senator Jones on the opening because I think he also wants to speak to this resolution. The resolution is brought to you to note that this is the 100th year of Mari Sandoz's birth and to declare this Mari Sandoz Centennial Year in the state of Nebraska and to encourage our citizens to read her works and to reflect on the rich heritage of Nebraska that is reflected in her works. I did hesitate a little bit to bring this resolution, knowing that you should not discuss a lady's birth date, but in Ms. Sandoz's case I think it's entirely appropriate that we acknowledge the centennial of her birth due to the great contribution that she made to the literature of this nation and the understanding that her works have brought to others of Nebraska and the people of Nebraska, in particular the people of western Nebraska, both the Native Americans who were there first, and then those who came after them, such as some of my ancestors and certainly her ancestors. And, Senator Jones, I would yield to you some of my